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For: POWDERY COMPOSITION FOR NASAL ADMINISTRATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, kindly amend the specification as follows..

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18 and insert therefor the following claims 19-38

- Set 9
- 19. A powdery composition for nasal administration wherein
- (1) the composition contains
- (i) a drug,
 - (ii) one or more of a water-absorbing and gel-forming base material selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose,